

Application No. 10/783,930

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A retainer comprising:

a pin adapted for attachment to a mounting member for supporting a stack of sheets having one or more openings; said pin comprising a shank portion for ~~insertion into the one opening~~ insertion into the one or more openings, an outer end pin portion having an entirely exposed outer surface, extending longitudinally from said shank portion and defining a pair of transversely extending parallel bores with transversely spaced apart axes, and an inner end pin portion attachable to the mounting member; and

a spring clamp comprising a pair of leg portions having outer end clamp portions joined by a yoke portion and inner ends each joined to a journal portion received by a different one of said bores ; and

wherein said pin is cylindrical and said outer end pin portions define a pair of substantially planar, parallel surfaces penetrated by said bores and wherein said shank portion has outer beveled surface portions intersecting said parallel surfaces.

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2. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said ~~outer end portion is~~ outer end pin portions are displaced a substantial distance ~~d~~ ( d ) from said ~~inner end portion~~ inner end pin portions.

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 2 wherein said distance ~~d~~ ( d ) is substantially greater than a maximum width ~~W~~ ( W ) of said pin.

4. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said leg portions are non-parallel and have equal lengths.

5. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 4 wherein said bores lie in a plane oriented obtusely to the stack of sheets.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim ~~7~~ 1 wherein a tip of said ~~outer end portion is~~ outer end pin portions are inwardly tapered.

9. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 8 wherein said shank portion and said ~~inner end portion define~~ inner end pin portions defines an axial threaded bore.

10. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said leg portions are substantially parallel and said yoke portion is elongated and projects transversely from said leg portions.

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11. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 3 wherein said leg portions are substantially parallel and said yoke portion is elongated and projects transversely from said leg portions.

12. (Previously Amended) An apparatus according to claim 11 wherein said bores lie in a plane oriented obtusely to a longitudinal axis of said outer end pin portion and to the stack of sheets.

13. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 12 wherein said pin is cylindrical and said outer end defines a pair of substantially planar, parallel surfaces penetrated by said bores.

14. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 13 wherein said shank portion has outer beveled surface portions intersecting said parallel surfaces.

15. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 14 wherein a tip of said ~~outer end portion is~~ outer end pin portions are inwardly tapered.

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 15 wherein said shank portion and said ~~inner end portion define~~ inner end pin portions defines an axial threaded bore.

17. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 16 wherein said leg portions are non-parallel and have equal lengths.

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18. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 8 wherein said ~~outer~~  
~~outer end portion is~~ outer end pin portions are displaced a substantial distance ~~-d-~~ ( d )  
from said ~~inner end portion~~ inner end pin portions.

19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 18 wherein said  
distance ~~-d-~~ ( d ) is substantially greater than a maximum width ~~-W-~~ ( W ) of  
said pin.

20. (Previously Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 wherein said bores  
lie in a plane oriented obtusely to a longitudinal axis of said outer end pin portion and to  
the stack of sheets.